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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: AUFISCHER ET AL. - 1 PCT (RCE)  
SERIAL NO.: 10/582,560 EXAMINER: James PILKINGTON  
FILED: JUNE 12, 2006 GROUP: 3656  
TITLE: FRICTION BEARING

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2009,  
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the basis of  
the following:

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 2 of this paper.